

### **REMARKS**

Amendment F is hereby provided after careful consideration of the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action mailed September 3, 2008. Claims 1-7 remain in the application after Amendment F is entered. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

### **The Office Action**

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,814,510 to Sabbaugh et al.

Claim 8 is identified as being directed to allowable subject matter in combination with corresponding base and intermediate claims.

### **The Art Rejections**

#### **Claims 1-7 Patentably Distinguish Over Sabbaugh.**

As amended, claim 1 now incorporates all the limitations of claim 8. Claim 8 was identified as being directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 8 previously depended from base claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentably distinguished from Sabbaugh. Based at least on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 and claims dependent thereon (i.e., claims 2-7) are currently in condition for allowance.

Please note that claim 1 was previously amended in USPTO Office Action Responses filed on February 2, 2004 (Amendment A) and July 16, 2004 (Amendment B).

#### **Amendment A**

1. (currently amended) A partial print provider that permits a ~~proprietary~~first print spooler to interface with a ~~commercial~~second print spooler for further processing of a print job submitted to a network print server.

#### **Amendment B**

1. (currently amended) A partial print provider that permits a first print spooler associated with a network print server to interface with a second print spooler associated with the network printer server for further processing of a print job submitted to a the network print server from a network print client.

None of the claims were amended or listed in USPTO Office Action Responses filed on October 30, 2006 (Amendment C) and December 10, 2007 (Amendment D). Claim 8 was added in a USPTO Office Action Response filed on May 22, 2008 (Amendment E) in which none of the other claims were amended. However, the listing of claims in Amendment E incorrectly identified claim 1 as follows:

Amendment E

1. (previously amended) A partial print provider that permits a first print spooler associated with a network print server to interface with a second print spooler associated with the network print server for further processing of a print job submitted to a network print client.

Please note that claim 1 in Amendment E was not consistent with claim 1 of Amendment B. Amendment E should have identified claim 1 as follows:

Corrected Amendment E

1. (previously amended) A partial print provider that permits a first print spooler associated with a network print server to interface with a second print spooler associated with the network print server for further processing of a print job submitted to the network printer server from a network print client.

Claim 1 in this Amendment F is consistent with Amendment B and the corrected version of claim 1 for Amendment E as shown above.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-7) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	7	- 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	- 3 =	0

☒ This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Alan C. Brandt, at Telephone Number (216) 363-9000.

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